

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

47 (amended). A fastener comprising:

(a) a substantially flat head portion comprising a first hole, the flat head comprising at least a lower side;

(b) a neck having an opening and two side neck portions, the neck extending from the lower side of the substantially flat head portion at a substantially right angle with respect to the substantially flat head portion;

(c) two substantially flat legs extending from the neck, each leg having an inner surface, the two inner surfaces of the two legs being at an initial proximity with each other, the legs being expandable in opposite directions upon inserting through the first hole an expansion member, thus bringing the expansion member to a contact region of the legs, each leg also having side leg portions;

(d) a funnel configuration in the vicinity of the contact region;

(e) at least one ~~high~~ long barb having an origin at a region selected from the side neck portion, and the side leg portion, the at least one ~~high~~ long barb also having a front point which front point substantially reaches or exceeds the lower side of the substantially flat head, the at least one high barb directed outwardly away from the legs and toward the substantially flat head; and

f) at least one ~~low~~ short barb having an origin at a region selected from the side neck portion, and the side leg portion, the at least one low barb also having a front point which front point reaches lower than the lower side, the at least one low barb directed outwardly away from the legs and toward the substantially flat head.

48 (original). A vehicle comprising an assembly of a first part with a slot, and a fastener within the slot, the fastener comprising:

(a) a substantially flat head portion comprising a first hole, the flat head comprising at least a lower side;

(b) a neck having an opening and two side neck portions, the neck extending from the lower side of the substantially flat head portion at a substantially right angle with respect to the substantially flat head portion;

(c) two substantially flat legs extending from the neck, each leg having an inner surface, the two inner surfaces of the two legs being at an initial proximity with each other, the legs being expandable in opposite directions upon inserting through the first hole an expansion member, thus bringing the expansion member to a contact region of the legs, each leg also having side leg portions;

(d) a funnel configuration in the vicinity of the contact region;

(e) at least one ~~high~~ long barb having an origin at a region selected from the side neck portion, and the side leg portion, the at least one ~~high~~ long barb also having a front point which front point substantially reaches or exceeds the lower side of the substantially flat head, the at least one high barb directed outwardly away from the legs and toward the substantially flat head; and

f) at least one ~~low~~ short barb having an origin at a region selected from the side neck portion, and the side leg portion, the at least one low barb also having a front point which front point reaches lower than the lower side, the at least one low barb directed outwardly away from the legs and toward the substantially flat head.

49 (presently amended). A spring fastener as defined in claim 47, wherein the head portion of the fastener comprises an upper side ~~and a lower side~~.

50 (original). A spring fastener as defined in claim 47, wherein the head portion of the fastener has a single side corresponding to the lower side.

51 (original). A spring fastener as defined in claim 47, wherein the hole is substantially round.

52 (original). A spring fastener as defined in claim 47, wherein the hole comprises an oblong opening.

53 (original). A spring fastener as defined in claim 47, wherein the fastener comprises an elastic body molded at least under the at least lower side of the head of the fastener.

54 (original). A spring fastener as defined in claim 51, wherein the fastener comprises an elastic body molded at least under the at least lower side of the head of the fastener.

55 (original). A spring fastener as defined in claim 47, wherein the first hole is engageable to the expansion member.

56 (original). A spring fastener as defined in claim 47, wherein the fastener comprises at least one region under the at least lower side, which region is engageable to the expansion member.

57 (original). A spring fastener as defined in claim 49, wherein the fastener comprises at least one region under the at upper side of the head, which region is engageable to the expansion member.

58 (presently amended). A vehicle as defined in claim 48, wherein the head portion of the fastener comprises an upper side ~~and a lower side~~.

59 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 48, wherein the head portion of the fastener has a single side corresponding to the lower side.

60 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 48, wherein the hole of the head portion of the fastener is substantially round.

61 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 48, wherein the hole of the head portion of the fastener comprises an oblong opening.

62 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 48, wherein the fastener comprises an elastic body molded at least under the at least lower side of the head of the fastener.

63 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 60, wherein the fastener comprises an elastic body molded at least under the at least lower side of the head of the fastener.

64 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 48, wherein the first hole of the head portion of the fastener is engageable to the expansion member.

65 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 48, wherein the fastener comprises at least one region under the at least lower side, which region is engageable to the expansion member.

66 (original). A vehicle as defined in claim 58, wherein the fastener comprises at least one region under the at upper side of the head, which region is engageable to the expansion member.